Commission ha'e decided not to extend the Border Area Devt-.iopment Programme to TibeiJCliirta border.

Offer of unconditional talks with the ultras in dilerer.t stares

2S61. SHRI PARAG CHAL1HA; Will PRIME MINISTER be p[1] cased to state:

(a) whether ultras of J&K have responded to PM.'s recent effer r-i talks;

of so. the fetalis theteof;

it, whether ofter of "unconditional talts" is also be'.vj? extended to the ultras of odier States of the Union;

id) ii so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any negotiations have b-en held; and

(f) if so, the det results?

THE MINISTER O[u] STATE 'N THE ISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLiC TS AND PENSIONS AND TUP. MINISTER OF ST->TE IN THE MINISTRY OP PARLIAMENT! ARY AFFAIRS (SHRt S. R BALASUBRAMONTYANV. (i; and (b) During his IK on 26-27 July, 1997, (he Priror Minister had trade an arval nth ol the State who have joined the militant rnatv

© and during his visti to the north eastern states in mar 197 the minister had relieted government willenmess to hold unconditiona takes with underground tc ments cil of Nagaland has responded to the ' offer and after preliminary talks w^th them, it Fas been agreed to cease fire for 3 months w.e.f. 1st August 1997 and embark upon political level discussions-Government are also in touch with other insurgent Naga groups which hav» also committed to suspend their activities.

Amamafh Yatra under BSF Escort

2562. SYED SIBTEY RAZE Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether death of one pilgrim and injury to eighteen Amarnath pilgrims in an explosion in a hotel at B.mihal on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway has been reported in the recentpast despite taking very foolpoof security steps;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any gx-gratia payment has since been paid to the families of those killed and injured;

<d) whether Government propose V rach pilgrim visits in future under the escort of Border Security Force; and

(el if so, the details thereof and if not. the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TIE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL. PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF \TF IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS <SHRI S. R. BALASUBRAMONI-

(c) No Sir, it is not a fact marnath Yatra were humed due to the explosion On 23.7.97. *m* TED blast took plane n Hotel KaO*sh. Banihal in whicl ns susttmed injuries inclod "•net of the hotel, who latr ed to hi* injuries Out the injured two were r

ne], 9 local Muslims and 3 were Hindus. The victims of the blast have been provided ex-gratia relief by the State Government as per the standing rules in this n

(d) and (e) The Government of u & K have rn-de administrative and (security arrangements for the Yatra. Every precaution is being taken by the State Government to ensure safety and security of the Yatris right from Jamnm to Holy Cave. Pickets, man ned by seci!i" "nd Jammu & Kashmir Pclice have b°en estab lished all aloi ghway to en sure incident free Yatra.

राष्ट्रीय श्रम कल्याण कोष में बकाया धनराशि

2563. श्री अवन्तराय देवलंकार दवे : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1 अप्रैल, 1994 और 1 अप्रैल, 1997 की स्थिति के अनुसार राष्ट्रीय श्रम कल्याण कोष में कुल कितनी धनराशि शेष है :

(ख) वर्ष 1997-98 के दौरान केन्द्रीय कोष से इस कोष में कुल कितनी धनराशि जमा की गई :

(ग) राज्यवार सहित विभिन्न राज्यों के विभिन्न श्रम कल्याण कार्यक्रमों के लिए इस कोष से योजनावार कुल कितनी धनराशि आवंटित की गई, तथा पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान राज्यवार क्रमवार कितनी धनराशि आवंटित की गई ; और

(घ) उक्त अवधि के दौरान राज्यवार से संगठित और असंगठित श्रमिकों के लिए प्रारंभ किए गए कार्यक्रमों का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

श्रम मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम0ओ0 वीरेन्द्र कुमार) : (क) ऐसी कोई स्थिति विद्यमान नहीं है।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Child Labour in the Country

2564. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of child labour in the country as per the census reports of 1971, 1981 and 1991;

(b) whether Government had asked all the State Government complete the survey by June 10 this year;

(c) if so, the State-wise number of child labour engaged in hazardous occupations; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the names of States which failed to carry out the survey?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) The State-wise number of child labour in the country as per the 1971, 1981 and 1991 Census reports is given in the Annexure.

(See Appendix 181, Annexure No. 69).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Information on first phase of the survey on child labour has been received from 27 states/UTs. A statement indicating the number of working children identified in the first phase of the survey, as per available information, is given in the Statement (See below) Details on the outcome of the survey from the States of Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Kerala and Meghalaya have not been received.